

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-15, 19-21, 23, and 32-36 are now pending in the application. Claims 16-18, 22, 24-31, and 37-44 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### **ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

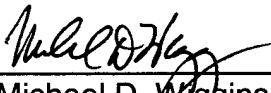
Claims 1-15 are allowed. In the Advisory Action mailed August 2, 2006, the Examiner indicated that claims 19-21, 23, and 32-36 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment cancelling the non-allowable claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled non-allowable claims 16-18, 22, 24-31, and 37-44 without disclaimer or prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. Therefore, claims 1-15, 19-21, 23, and 32-36 should now be in condition for allowance.

## CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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